

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #81A-6 Building Date: 1889
Building Name: Joseph Stephenson House
Location: Mill Clinton Vista Lane, Clinton, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Joseph Stephenson house is situated on a small hill over Clinton Vista Lane, south of the road. It is a two-story gable roof structure with a two-story shed roof addition east of the rectangular main block. The house is sided with aluminum siding, the roof is asphalt shingle, the main block rests on a brick foundation, and the east addition is on a cement foundation. The three-bay north (main) facade is a gable end, with the first bay an entrance through a modern door flanked by fluted pilasters and surmounted by a plain frieze and a wide cornice with crown molding. Windows are 2/2. The cornice is boxed with a crown molding. There is a small return on the north gable end, and a small finial in the north gable peak. There is a three bay one-story entrance porch across the north facade with a flat roof and a plain cornice supported on chamfered wood posts with jig sawn brackets. The east facade consists of the two-story shed roof addition, which has four irregular bays and a simple boxed cornice. An interior corbelled brick chimney is visible at the gable ridge of the main structure. The three bay south (rear) facade has a central entrance, which has been boarded over. The house is set on a town lot, with 2 modern out buildings to the west.

Significance:

The Joseph Stephenson house was probably built or greatly improved by Amos J. Wellen in 1889. The house appears on the 1894 Hopkins map under Wellen's name, on 271 acres. Wellen acquired the property, which had been Stephenson's, at a public auction for non-payment of taxes. The property was subdivided between 1937 and 1943, while owned by James G. Ballard. The house presently stands on a .33 acre site, surrounded by subdivision housing. The Stephenson house is typical of late 19th century vernacular farmhouses built in this County. Characteristics it shares with other farmhouses include its two-story, frame, gable roof construction, facade-wide one-story porch and simplicity in architectural detail. Architectural details include jigsaw brackets, an elaborate entrance way and cornice returns in the gable ends. Four to five cedar trees line the east side of the paved road leading to the house, indicating long establishment of a house on that site.

Acreage: .33 acres

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Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph Stephenson House

and/or common Joseph Stephenson House

2. Location

street & number 7411 Clinton Vista Lane

☐ not for publication

city, town Clinton

☐ vicinity of

congressional district 5

state Maryland

county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. Leo Carter

street & number 7411 Clinton Vista Lane

telephone no.:

city, town Clinton

state and zip code Md. 20735

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse

liber 3217

street & number Main Street

folio 391

city, town Upper Marlboro

state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and District Plan

date 1981

☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division-M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale

state Md.

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Joseph Stephenson house is situated on a small hill directly over Clinton Vista Lane, south of the road. It is a two-story gable roof structure with a two-story shed roof addition east of the rectangular main block. The house is sided with aluminum siding and the roof is covered with asphalt shingle. The main block rests on a brick foundation, the east addition is on a cement foundation.

The three-bay north (main) facade is a gable end, with the entrance on the first bay. The entrance is a modern door flanked by fluted pilasters and surmounted by a plain frieze and a wide cornice with crown molding. The second bay is a 2/2 window on the first story aligning with the gable peak and a 4/4 window on the attic story. The third bay is a 2/2 window on first and second stories. The cornice is boxed with a crown molding. There is a small return on the north gable end, and a small finial in the north gable peak.

There is a three bay one-story entrance porch across the north facade with a flat roof and a plain cornice supported on chamfered wood posts with jig sawn brackets.

The east facade consists of the two-story shed roof addition, which has four irregular bays and a simple boxed cornice. There is an entrance on the fourth bay. An interior corbelled brick chimney is visible at the gable ridge of the main structure. The three bay south (rear) facade has a central entrance, which has been boarded over.

The house is set on a town lot. There is an open car port of new construction to the west of the house. There is a small shed roof frame shed, one by two bays, to the southwest of the house.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) local history

Specific dates 1889 Builder/Architect _____

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Joseph Stephenson house was probably built or greatly improved by Amos J. Wellen in 1889.¹ The house appears on the 1894 Hopkins map of the Vicinity of Washington, D.C. under Wellen's name. Wellen acquired the property, which had been Stephenson's, at a public auction for non-payment of taxes.² Wellen owned a total of 271 acres surrounding the house site. The property was subdivided between 1937 and 1943, while owned by James G. Ballard. The house presently stands on a .33 acre site, surrounded by subdivision housing.

The Stephenson house is typical of late 19th century vernacular farm-house built in this County. Characteristics it shares with other farm-houses built during the period include its two-story, frame, gable roof construction, facade-wide one-story porch and simplicity in architectural detail. Architectural details include jigsawn brackets, a somewhat elaborate entrance way and cornice returns in the gable ends. Four to five cedar trees line the east side of the paved road leading to the house, indicating long establishment of a house on that site.

Notes:

¹ Tax Assessments, 9th District, Prince George's County, 1889. Vol. 12217, Maryland Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland.

² Land Records of Prince George's County, JWB #9:550, Prince George's County Courthouse, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See #8, Footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .33

Tax Map 116F-3

Quadrangle name Anacostia I

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Marina King, Architectural Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate July 1985street & number 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drivetelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlborostate Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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P.A. # 81A-6

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM for the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Joseph Stephenson House					
2. LOCATION					
STREET AND NUMBER: 7411 Clinton Vista Lane					
CITY OR TOWN: Clinton					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Prince George's		
3. CLASSIFICATION					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____
Comments: _____					
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY					
OWNER'S NAME:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Prince George's County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		

7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE						
<p>The house is a two-story, frame structure with a three-bay gable end facade. There is a porch with bracketed posts across the facade. On the east side is a lean-to addition. Windows are 2/2, double-hung sash. The present siding is aluminum.</p>						

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8. SIGNIFICANCE**PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | losophy | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "		

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

8/6/74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Ave.

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Chain of Title

Joseph Stephenson House
P.G. #81A-6

#3217:391
1 Oct. 1965
Deed
Cerrito Enterprises, Inc., a Maryland Corporation, to Leo Clifton Carter and Sharon Lee Carter, his wife, .3349 (14,588 square feet) acres obtained by Cadaed Enterprises, Inc., by #2377:126.

#2377:126
9 Sept. 1959
Corp. Deed
Cadaed Enterprises, a Maryland Corportion, to Thomas L. Wilkinson and Elsie J. Wilkinson, his wife, 41,436 square feet of land. (Cadaed Enterprises: Carl E. Wilkinson, president; Edgar A. Bowers, secretary; Carl E. Wilkinson, attorney).

#2377:129
9 Sept. 1959
Deed of Trust
Thomas L. Wilkinson and Elsie J. Wilkinson, his wife, to Charles C. Elderkin and Chalmers F. Groff, a mortgage on 41,346 square feet of land shown on a plat entitled "Spring Acres" by #929:184.

#929:184
11 July 1947
Deed
Caroline Mister, widow, James S. Smith and E. Pearl Smith, his wife, to Hilyard M. Hamby and Lucres Mary Hamby, his wife, Parcel 1 containing 5 acres and Parcel 2 containing 3 acres by #713:187. Both part of the James G. Ballard Farm in Surratts District.

#713:187
23 Oct. 1943
Deed
James G. Ballard, unmarried, to Caroline Mister, 3-1/2 acres.

#471:169
21 Apr. 1937
Deed
Beryl Marquis Kinnear and David W. Kinnear to James G. Ballard for \$10, grantors convey all those parcels in Surratts District: First - all that part of His Lordships Kindness beginning near the school house, containing 62.11 acres. Second - all that contiguous tract of His Lordships Kindness containing 157 acres, less 8.94 acres conveyed to John W. Wheatley, 30 January 1919, #49:379. The residue being 148.06 acres.

#443:290
28 March 1936
Deed
Matilda W. Duvall to Beryl Marquis Kinnear and David W. Kinnear (husband) for \$5 grantor conveys those tracts described above. Same property described in deed from grantees to grantor herewith.

#443:289
28 March 1936
Deed
Beryl Marquis Kinnear to Matilda Duvall, same as above. Same property described in deed from William S. Simpson and wife to Beryl Marquis, dated 9/14/1921; #164:471.

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#164:471
14 Sept. 1921
Deed William A. Simpson and Elizabeth Simpson to Beryl Marquis (widow). For \$10 grantors convey those parcels obtained from Galen E. Green, 4/19/1917, #119:372, to wit: 2 parcels in Surratts District, a part of His Lordships Kindness. Subject to a mortgage for \$1,500 from Phil H. Tuck of Baltimore, dated 12/22/1915.

#119:372
9 April 1917
Deed Galen E. Green of Washington, D.C. and William A. Simpson of Washington, D.C. for \$10.00 grantor conveys those parcels obtained from Henry M. Baker, 3/14/1908, #43:412. Subject to a mortgage, as described above.

#43:412
14 March 1908
Deed Henry M. Baker to Galen E. Green. For \$10.00 grantor conveys those parcels in Surratts District, containing 62 and 157 acres, respectively.

#5:198
12 Sept. 1901
Deed Henry E. Nichols of Washington, D.C. and Henry M. Baker of New Hampshire. For \$10 grantor conveys those parcels in Surratts District being a part of "His Lordship Kindness." One being 62-11/10 acres, and one being 52-91/100 acres and one being 157 acres. Subject to mortgage of Phil H. Tuck dated 19 October 1893, recorded in JWB #26:482 for \$1,500. Party of second part assumes this and agrees to pay it. Same land described in a deed to May J. Nichols from Lillian Wellen and W. Wellen, dated 7/22/1899, JB #9:366.

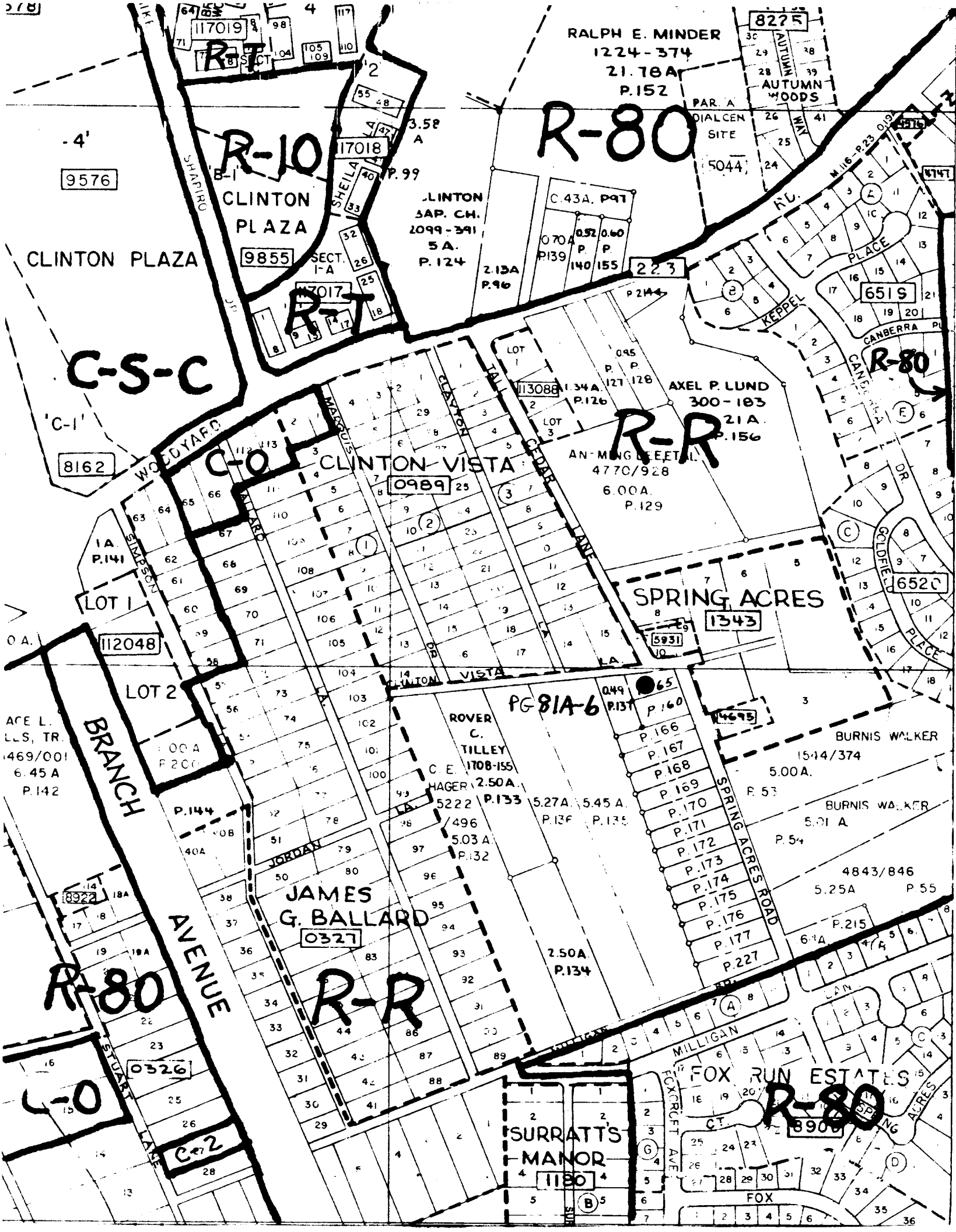
JWB #26:482
19 Oct. 1895
Mortgage Between Amos J. Wellen and Sophia C. Wellen, and Lillie G. Wellen and R. B. B. Chew, Jr., Trustee for first part and Phil H. Tuck of Baltimore for second part. First part are indebted to Tuck for \$1,000 (see Equity #2053) to secure the debt they pledge tract in Surratts District, same as conveyed to Amos J. Wellen by Francis E. Duckett, 13 April 1882; WAJ #3:593) containing 157 acres, and same land conveyed to Amos J. Wellen by James Perkins, Trustee, JWB #9:550, 27 April 1888. This last referenced in Trials #109 - April 1888.

WAJ #3:593
13 April 1882
Deed Francis E. Duckett and Martha Duckett to Amos J. Wellen of Baltimore for \$1,600 grantors convey that portion of His Lordships Kindness containing 62 acres and another tract containing 52 acres - being the same tracts deeded to Duckett by George and Charles B. Calvert, 9/28/1862 and recorded HS #1:420.

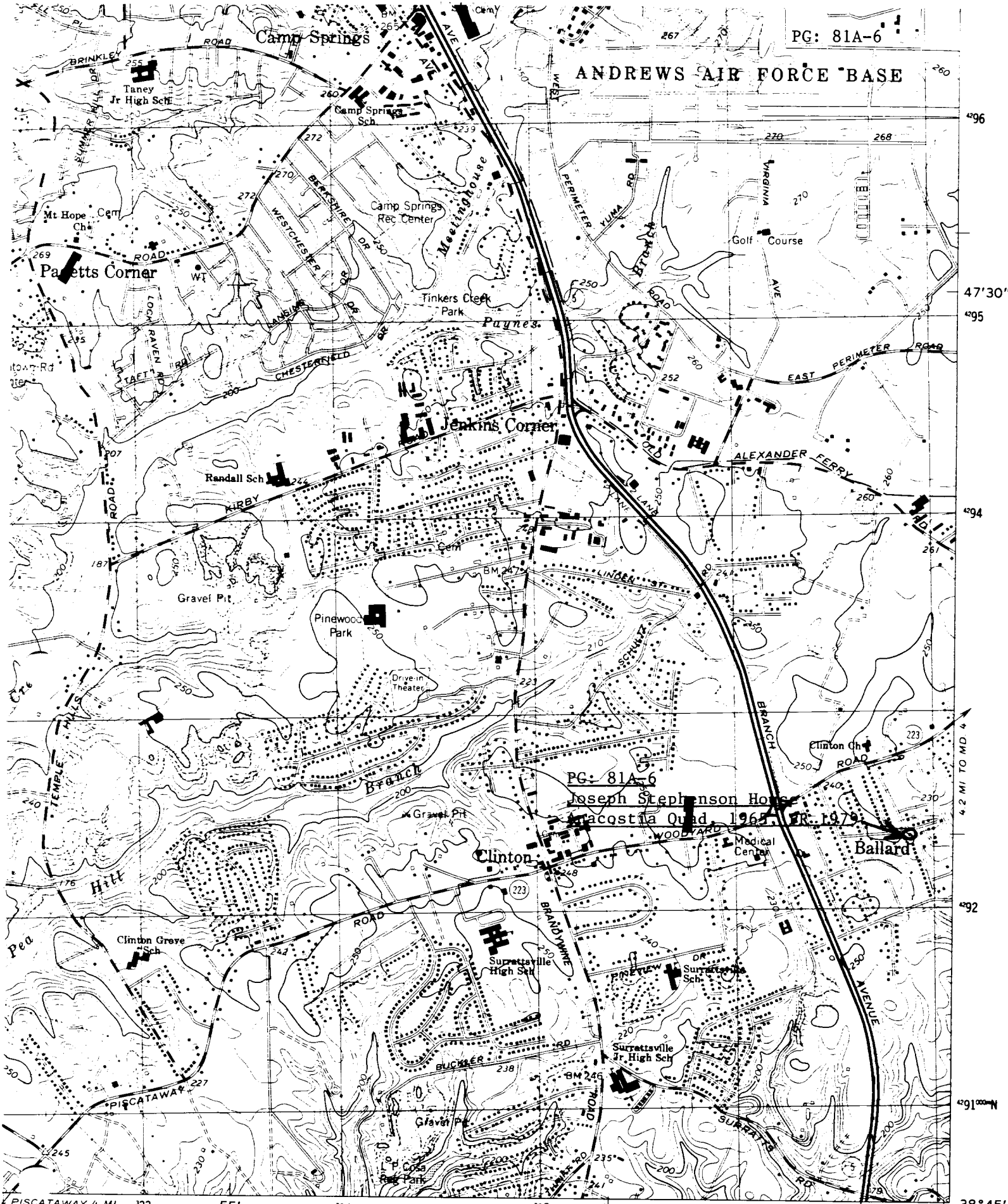
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JWB #9:550
27 April 1888
Deed

James S. Perkins, Trustee to Amos F. Wellen of Prince George's County; In a decision of Equity Court 3/12/1886 in cause Charles Clagett vs. Ruth Adelle Hall for John G. Hall deceased, #1592 equity and 1593 equity, Perkins appointed trustee to complete collection of taxes - due for years 1880-1885, sum of \$92.21 assessed and chargeable on a tract in Surratts District in the name of Joseph Stephenson, containing 157 acres and adjoining lands of Robert Hunter and Amos Wellen. Land repossessed, sold to Amos Wellen for \$200.00.



ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE

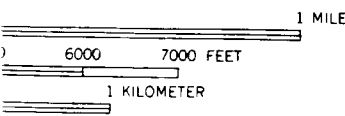


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Joseph Stephenson House
Acrostia Quad 1965, 1975

Clinton

Ballard



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	Light-duty
Medium-duty	Unimproved dirt

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, RESTON, VIRGINIA—1983
T.B. 3.5 MI
WALDORF 10 MI

38°45' 76°52'30"

(BRAND 566)



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James Stephenson House

Prince George's County, MD.

Marina King

April 1985

North elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD.



NAME JOSEPH STEPHENSON HOUSE # 81A-6

LOCATION 7411 CLINTON VISTA LAKE CLINTON, Md

FACADE SE

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